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1. This communication is responsive to 8/3/2007.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3 and 5-9.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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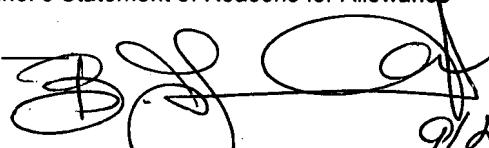
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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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Examiner's Amendments

Claims 1-3, 5-9 are allowed. Claims 4, 10 are cancelled.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Lawrence E. Russ (registration # 35,342) on 9/24/2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A communication system for exchanging electronic mail information, said communication system comprising:

a plurality of communication devices for inputting a telephone number that includes an identification number of a telecommunication services operator and for transmitting electronic mail information together with the telephone number;

a storage device for storing a reference table in which the identification number of the telecommunication services operator is correlated with [the] a domain name of

the telecommunication services operator; wherein country information in addition to the identification number is correlated with the domain name in the reference table stored in the storage device; and

a communication management device for receiving the transmitted electronic mail information and telephone number, of the for reading the domain name of the telecommunication services operator from the reference table using the identification number of the telecommunication services operator, for merging the telephone number with the domain name read from the reference table to form an electronic mail address, and for forwarding the electronic mail information to the electronic mail address [,] :

the electronic mail address having a local part and a domain part, the local part being separated from the domain part with an at mark symbol "@", the local part including the telephone number and the domain part includes the domain name of the telecommunication services operator.

5. (Currently amended) A communication device comprising:

an inputting unit for inputting a telephone number and that includes an identification number of a telecommunication services operator;

a storage unit for storing a reference table in which the identification number of the telecommunication services operator is correlated to [the] a domain name of the

telecommunication services operator; wherein country information in addition to the identification number is correlated with the domain name in the reference table stored in the storage device; and

a controller for reading the domain name of the telecommunication services operator from the reference table using the identification number of the telecommunication services operator, and for merging the telephone number with the domain name read from the reference table to form the electronic mail address;

wherein the electronic mail address having a local part and a domain part, the local part being separated from the domain part with an at mark symbol "@", the local part including the telephone number, and the domain part including the domain name of the [destination] telecommunication services operator; a transmission unit for transmitting the electronic mail information and the electronic mail address.

8. (Currently amended) A communication method of exchanging electronic mail information, said method comprising:

producing, in a database, a reference table in which an identification number of a telecommunication services operator is correlated to a domain name of the telecommunication services operator;

inputting a telephone number that includes the identification number of the telecommunication services operator into a communication device;

transmitting electronic mail information together with the telephone number from the communication device to a communication management device;

reading, from the database, the domain name of the telecommunication services operator from the reference table using the identification number of the telecommunication services operator;

merging, at [the] a communication management device, the telephone number with the domain name read from the reference table to form an electronic mail address;

the electronic mail address having a local part and a domain part, the local part being separated from the domain part with an at mark symbol "@", the local part including the telephone number and the domain part including the domain name of the [destination] telecommunication services operator; and

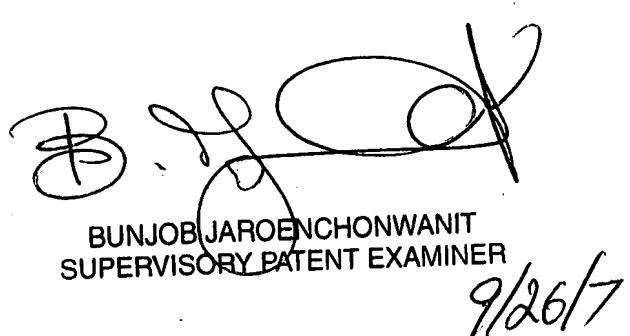
forwarding the electronic mail information from the communication management device to the electronic mail address.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Duyen M. Doan whose telephone number is (571) 272-4226. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit can be reached on (571) 272-3913. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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